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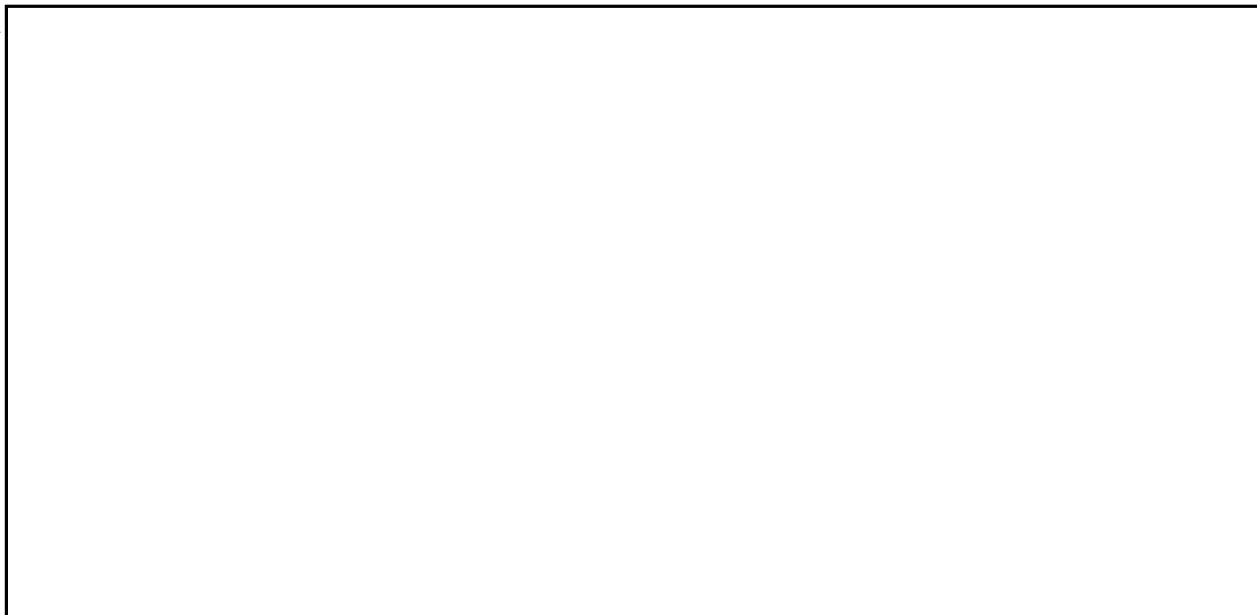
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- 5. Notes: [redacted] Japan - Communist
China; Bolivia; Communist China - Dahomey;
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Japan - Communist China: Japanese delegates to the upcoming anniversary celebrations of the Bandung Conference may approach the Chinese Communist representatives to propose ambassadorial contacts similar to the talks between the US and Communist China in Warsaw. Prime Minister Sato has informed Ambassador Reischauer that he is considering this possibility-- perhaps holding such talks in Vienna, where the new Japanese ambassador is highly trusted by Sato. In Reischauer's view, Sato probably believes that such an arrangement might reduce domestic pressures for more substantial moves toward closer ties with Peiping.

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*Bolivia: Violence was averted yesterday in La Paz when scheduled demonstrations were cancelled by order of Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR) leader Hernan Siles. The junta government appears to have come through the crisis situation unscathed and its position seems secure, at least temporarily. Junta president Barrientos' problems are increasing, however, as the MNR on the left and the rightist Bolivian Socialist Falange each accelerate their efforts to capture him for their own political advantage.

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Communist China - Dahomey: Peiping has offered Dahomey a credit of \$20 million, but final arrangements for acceptance have apparently not been worked out. The Dahomey minister of finance, confirming numerous rumors of Chinese Communist aid offers, said that 80 percent of the credit would be in the form of "material" and the rest devoted to assistance for mutually agreed projects. This offer may have been instrumental in Dahomey's decision of 25 March to order Chinese Nationalist diplomats home. Dahomey recognized Peiping as the sole legal government of China last November.

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Congo (Brazzaville): Between 15 and 22 artillery pieces of Soviet manufacture, ranging from 57-mm. to 100-mm. weapons, arrived in Brazzaville on 7 April by rail from the Congo port city of Pointe Noire. Additional foreign military technicians may soon appear in Brazzaville to provide training on these weapons, which have presumably been sent--by a yet unidentified government--in response to the leftist regime's appeals to Communist and radical African countries for military assistance. At least ten Soviet military advisers are apparently already in the country along with perhaps an equal number of Chinese, about 20 Egyptians, and some Algerians.

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Burundi: [Tribal tensions are rising amid rumors of coups and countercoups as Burundi prepares for parliamentary elections on 10 May. Violence--including political assassination--may well occur. The radically inclined Tutsi minority, which was ousted from power last January, is struggling to re-establish itself and to prevent the more moderate, generally pro-Western, Hutu tribal leaders from winning a majority. The Burundi King, who could act as a moderating element, is vacationing in Europe and is unlikely to return before the elections.]

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